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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR MATERIALS ON MISTREATMENT OF
POLITICAL PRISONERS BY COMMUNISTS IN
VIET-NAM

1. AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED APR 21 FROM DAVID
MASON, SECRETARY OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL BRANCH IN QUEENS-
LAND, ASKING FOR INFORMATION ON POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE
DRV AND IN AREAS TAKEN OVER BY THE PRG. TEXT OF REQUEST
AS FOL:

2. QTE BECAUSE OF THE CHANGING MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTHERN
VIETNAM, WE URGENTLY REQUIRE UP TO DATE INFORMATION REGARD-
ING POLITICAL PRISONERS, POLITICAL DETENTION, THE USE OF TOR-
TURE OR CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ON POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND THE
NAMES AND PLACES OF DETENTION WHERE THESE EVENTS MAY HAVE
TAKEN PLACE IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, AND THE
AREAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY
GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

3. QTE IF YOU CAN SUPPLY ME WITH ANY INFORMATION ON POLITI-
CAL IMPRISONMENT IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM OR THE
AREAS CONTROLLED BY THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT
OF SOUTH VIETNAM, I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL. I REALISE
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YOU WILL HAVE MANY PRESSING COMMITMENTS AT THE MOMENT,

BUT I WISH TO ASSURE YOU OF THE CONCERN OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL FOR ALL PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE, IN ALL PARTS OF VIETNAM, NOW AND IN THE LONG TERM FUTURE. END QUTE.

4. COMMENT: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HAS GIVEN US CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE IN PAST, AS IT HAS INVARIABLY CONCENTRATED ON ALLEGATIONS OF MISTREATMENT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS (USUALLY LEFTISTS) IN SOUTH VIET-NAM, THE PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA, AND SOUTH KOREA, WHILE SHOWING NO ORGANIZED INTEREST IN THE CONDITIONS OF DETENTION OF NON-COMMUNISTS BY THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES OF EAST ASIA. IT APPEARS TO US THAT ONLY WAY U.S. CAN DO ANYTHING FOR POTENTIAL VICTIMS OF DRV IN VIET-NAM IS TO DIRECT MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLICITY ON MISTREATMENT OF PRISONERS. WE ASSUME THAT DEPT TAKING STEPS ACCORDINGLY.
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